

FILEDUNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Western DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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CARMELITA KEELE SHINN, CLERK
U.S. DIST. COURT, WESTERN DIST. OKLA.
BY: [Signature], DEPUTY

<u>Richard Lynn Dopp</u> Petitioner, Plaintiff, v. <u>Buddy Honaker; Joel McCurdy;</u> <u>Stephen Paine; Theresa Sellers;</u> <u>Shirley May; Laura Neefe; Mrs.</u> <u>Baird; and Dr. Meau</u> Respondent(s) Defendants	CIV-16-1164 Case No. _____ CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983
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HE**A. PARTIES**

1. Richard Lynn Dopp is a citizen of Oklahoma
 (Petitioner) Plaintiff (State)
 who presently resides at CCF/CCA / DN108, 3200 S. Kings Hwy.
 (place of confinement)

Cushing, OK 74023
 Defendant
 2. Respondent, Buddy Honaker is a citizen of Oklahoma City
 (Name of first Respondent) Defendant (City)
Oklahoma, and is employed as ODOC chief medical services Ad-
 (State) (Position and title, if any) ministrator.

At the time the claim(s) alleged in this complaint arose, was this respondent acting under color of State Law? Yes ☒ No ☐

If your answer is "Yes", briefly explain: Sued in his individual capacity.
He was acting under color of state law as employee of the state

3. Respondent, Joel McCurdy is a citizen of Oklahoma City
 (Name of second Respondent) Defendant (City)
Oklahoma, and is employed as ODOC chief medical officer
 (State) (Position and title, if any)

At the time the claim(s) alleged in this complaint arose, was this respondent acting under color of state law? Yes ☒ No ☐

If your answer is "Yes", briefly explain: Sued in his individual capacity.

At time of claim, he was acting under color of state law as an employee of OOC Medical Division

4. Respondent, ^{Respondent} Stephen Paine is a citizen of ^(Name of third Respondent) Cushing ^(City)
 Oahu, and is employed as ^(State) CCF/CCA Doctor/physician ^(Position and title, if any)

At the time the claim(s) alleged in this complaint arose, was this respondent acting under color of State Law? Yes ☒ No ☐

If your answer is "Yes", briefly explain: Sued in his individual capacity.
He is under contract with OOC/CCF/CCA to provide adequate
medical-health care for plaintiff
 5. Are there additional respondents? Yes ☒ No ☐ See page 7 attached

If your answer is "Yes" you may attach one additional (8 1/2" x 11") to provide the above information for additional respondents.

B. JURISDICTION

1. Jurisdiction is asserted pursuant to: (Check one)

- ☒ 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3) (applies when respondents allegedly acted under color of state law) supplemental on state law claims
- ☐ *Bivens v. Six Unknown Names Agents for Fed. Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (applies when respondents allegedly acted under color of federal law)

C. NATURE OF CASE

Briefly state the background of your case: After being diagnosed as having severe cervical foraminial stenosis neck bone nerve impingement at
Dcf, Hahonville, requiring surgery, PITT was transferred to CCF where
the above captioned DCFs have been well informed of said
serious medical condition and currently refuse to provide
PITT appropriate surgical further to correct said condition,
Fail to adequately supervise and/or adequately train
subordinate medical staff. The pain & suffering PITT
currently experiences is of the magnitude that const-

it takes cruel and/or unusual punishment proscribed
against by U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment, etc.

D. CAUSE OF ACTION

I allege that my following constitutional rights, privileges, or immunities have been violated, and the following facts form the basis for my allegations: *If necessary you may attach up to two additional pages (8 1/2" x 11") to explain an allegation or to list additional counts or supporting facts.*

1a. Count I: See page 8-13 attached hereto

1b. Supporting Facts: *(Include all facts you consider important, including Names of persons involved, places, and dates. Describe exactly how each respondent is involved. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or argument.)*

See page 8-13 attached hereto

2a. Count II: N/A

2b. Supporting Facts: N/A

3a. Count III: N/A

3b. Supporting Facts: N/A

E. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF

1. Have you begun other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action or otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If your answer is "Yes", describe each lawsuit. *If there is more than one lawsuit, describe each additional lawsuit using the same format on a blank sheet of paper labeled "E. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF."*

a. Parties to previous lawsuit:
 Petitioners: Richard L. Dopp
 Respondents: Ray L. Lerner & Fred Sanders

b. Name and location of court and docket number: U.S. Dist Court
For the Western Dist, OKC, OK CIV-15-244-D

c. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: 3-09-2015

d. Issues raised: Similar issues but against different
Def's at a different date & location

e. Disposition: (i.e. Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed?
 Is it still pending?): pending

f. Approximate date of disposition: N/A

2. Have you previously sought informal or formal relief from the appropriate administrative officials regarding the acts complained of in Part D? Yes ☒ No ☐

If your answer is "Yes", briefly explain how relief was sought and the result. If your answer is "No", briefly explain why administrative relief was not sought.:
Not sure what the difference is between this question and

that of #3 below? I have exhausted all available prison
Administrative remedies by filing GTCR notice and prison
grievances at RA level and appeals to ODOC ARA

3. Have you exhausted available administrative remedies? Yes ☒ No ☐
 If your answer is "Yes", briefly explain the steps taken and attach proof of exhaustion. If your answer is "No", briefly explain why administrative remedies were not exhausted: Do not understand difference between this
question and that of #2 above. My answer is same
as that in #2 above

F. PREVIOUSLY DISMISSED ACTIONS OR APPEALS

1. If you are proceeding *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, describe each civil action or appeal you have brought in a court of the United States while incarcerated or detained in any facility that was dismissed as frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. *If there is more than one civil action or appeal, describe the additional actions or appeals using the same format on a 8 1/2" x 11" paper labeled "F. PREVIOUS DISMISSED ACTIONS OR APPEALS"*

a. Parties to previous lawsuit:

Petitioners: Judicial Notice is requested of this info

Respondents: provided in CIV-11-306-D Doc # 9, Filed
3-28-11

b. Name and location of court and docket number: U.S. Dist. Court

For Western Dist of OH, CIV-11-306-D

c. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: _____

d. Issues raised: _____

e. Grounds for dismissal: ☐ frivolous ☐ malicious ☐ failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

2. Are you in imminent danger of serious physical injury? Yes ☒ No ☐

If your answer is "Yes", describe the facts in detail without citing legal authority or argument: Same as was found in CIV-15-244-D only

it is worsening due to degenerative condition of type
problem as diagnosed previously referenced above.
See pages 8-13 attached and at page 13

G. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

I believe I am entitled to the following relief: order appropriate Defs' to provide
Pltf corrective surgical Fusion by competent neurosurgeon, and/or immediate
release From vdec custody due to cruel and/or unusual punishment, etc. Prosp-
ective and compensatory relief of over \$10,000.00 From each Def, and if compen-
satory damages are unavailable & if applicable, presumed damages as well as
punitive and/or nominal damages over
\$10,000.00 From each Def. To include Filing
fees, costs, photocopy fees, notary services,
envelopes, postage, service of process,
transport to court, attorney fees, and
injunctive relief, as well as any other
Relief this Court deems appropriate.

Richard L. Dopp 10-04-16
 Original Signature of Petitioner
Richard L. Dopp #126054
ccf/cca / DN 108
3200 S. Kings Hwy.
Cushing, OK 74023

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

The undersigned declares (or certifies, verifies, or states) under penalty of perjury that he is the Petitioner in the above action, he has read the above complaint, and the information contained therein is true and correct. 28 U.S.C. § 1746, 18 U.S.C. § 1621.

Executed at ccf, Cushing, Payne County on 10-04-2016
 Location Date

Richard L. Dopp
 Original signature of Petitioner
Richard L. Dopp

Def Theresa Sellers is a citizen of Cushing, OK, and was employed as ccf Chief Health Services Administrator at time of herein complaints occurred. She is sued in her individual capacity and was acting under color of state law as an employee of ccf/CCA under contract with ODOC.

Def Shirley May is a citizen of Sayre, OK, and was employed as ccf Chief Health Services Administrator at time of herein complaints occurred, successor to T. Sellers. She is sued in her individual capacity and was acting under color of state law as an employee of ccf/CCA under contract with ODOC.

Def Laura Neeffe is a citizen of Cushing, OK, and is employed as current ccf Chief Health Services Administrator at time of herein complaints occurred, successor to S. May. She is sued in her individual capacity and was acting under color of state law as an employee of ccf/CCA under contract with ODOC.

Def Ms. Baird is a citizen of Cushing, OK, and is employed as ccf/CCA nurse practitioner. She is sued in her individual capacity and was acting under color of state law as an employee of ccf/CCA under contract with ODOC.

Def Dr. Meach is a citizen of Cushing (?), OK, and is employed as cca Regional Director of Medical Division. She is sued in her individual capacity and was acting under color of state law as an employee of ccf/CCA under contract with ODOC.

D. 1a. Count I: CCF/CCA Defs' S. Paine, Mr. Baird, T. Sellers, S. May, L. Neefe, Dr. Neau, and ODOC Defs' B. Howaker and J. McCurdy have / are committing acts, inactions, conduct and omissions against Pltff that constitute deprivations / violations of the U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment, Other Constitution's equivalent thereof, ODOC/CCF/CCA policies and applicable state law, but not limited thereby. Pltff names and sues all referenced above and captioned defs in their individual capacity and if later applicable in their official capacity for purposes of injunctive relief.

D. 1b. Supporting Facts: On/or about 7-01-2015, pltff was transferred from OCF/CCA (Holdenville) from under R. Larimer^① & F. Sanders' medical-health care to CCF/CCA (Cushing), where pltff has encountered entirely different medical staff and those of supervisory position over them from ODOC. Shortly after his 7-01-15 arrival at CCF, pltff personally advised CCF Def Dr. S. Paine of his exact same serious degenerative medical condition (cervical foraminal stenosis neck bone nerve cord impingement) as was diagnosed by Holdenville General Hospital in 2014 as identified in prior claims alleged against R. Larimer^② & F. Sanders. During that same scheduled appointment and similar appointments taking place afterward, Def Paine acknowledged he was aware of pltff's condition and advised pltff he was still scheduled to see OU Medical Center Neurosurgeons. A few weeks later, pltff went to OU Medical Center and was seen by a mere "screener" who advised pltff he was not the neurosurgeon. This "screener" ultimately advised pltff he had not reviewed pltff's 2014 CO MRI images and that although surgery could provide correction of his neckbone condition, no such

② Judicial notice is requested of *Depp vs. Larimer, et al.* CIV-15-244-P.

surgery would be provided by OU medical Center due to budgetary financial restraints of unnamed CCA/OUOC officials. PTF then requested Dr. Paine, T. Sellers, and S. May to schedule him to see an independent medical facility such as Laser Institute in OKC, OK, to provide the corrective surgery, but said requests have been repeatedly denied.

During separate occasions attending scheduled medical appointments with Dr. Paine and Mr. Baird, PTF provided them to put in his medical record his 2013 CT scan (Ex '1'), two 2014 MRI results (Ex '2' & '3'), as well as his mother's MRI (Ex '4') and her operative report (Ex '5'). The latter (Ex '4' & '5') reflecting her diagnosis and subsequent surgical Fusion of which is almost identical in comparison to PTF's 2014 MRIs, and of which his mother's condition has been cured/fixed since PTF's diagnosis. This type medical condition is hereditary. Even more recently in June/July 2016, PTF showed & provided Defs' Paine, Baird, Neefe, & Neau, copies of results of totally unassociated totally independent Medical Facility, North American Spine Institute (NASI), of Dallas, TX (well known experts in this field of subject matter), after they reviewed PTF's 2014 MRI CD images they acquired from Holdenville General Hospital. NASI concluded PTF required surgical Fusion to correct his lower neck bone degenerative condition and relieve the pain caused by the nerve cond. impingement. They also indicated they needed an up-to-date current MRI conducted to determine the exact extent of bone damage and further degeneration that had occurred since the last 12-04-2014 MRI (Ex '6' & '7'). After making a request to receive an up-to-date MRI to make those determinations, Defs' Paine, Baird, Neefe, Neau, Howlter, & McCurdy have refused to provide it and the surgical Fusion as well.

ODOC Def Joel McCurdy^② has been personally aware of pltf's above referenced (ref) serious medical condition since pltf was still at OCF in 2014-15 and while there, he even advised OCF nurse practitioner, Sue Burtbalter, to recommend prescribing Neurontin/gabapentin and that he as ODOC CMO would approve it being it required his approval under ODOC operating policy OP-140130. Def J. McCurdy done so as he put it, because pltf was (and still is) experiencing excruciating pain and the delays in getting to see neurosurgeon. As pltf attempted to describe previously in CIU-15-244-D, the pain feels something like someone or something is ripping apart his brain from his brain stem slowly, resulting in undescrivable excruciating/incapacitating pain each and every morning, sometimes of which no amount of pain medication alleviates. Def McCurdy continues to be updated on pltf's condition and re-prescribing of Neurontin every 90 days or so, and approves the prescription pursuant to OP-140130. However, on occasion said Def has delayed in providing Neurontin causing unnecessary pain. While at CCF, pltf also notified Defs' Honanter and McCurdy by letter with attached 2013 CT scan (Ex '1') & both 2014 MRI results (Ex '2' & '3') thereto, as well as submitting them several Grievance Appeals therein requesting pltf be provided the corrective surgery ref above, and thus far have been denied.

All the above CCF/CCA/ODOC Defs' have personally participated in the purported inadequate treatment and/or failure to adequately treat pltf's neck condition by simply refusing to provide surgery and/or refusal to recommend pltf be provided the surgery. Defs' similarly refuse to have an up-to-date current MRI conducted upon pltf to make efforts to determine the extent pltf's degenerative condition has worsened. Although Defs' are well aware that pltf has been more recently complaining

^② see Ex '8' attached.

of increased and prolonged pain and been prescribed more quantity of pain medication and additional different pain medication that helps but does not completely alleviate or much less cure the problem. Moreover, CCF Det's' T. Sellers, & S. May have refused to provide adequate training and/or adequate supervision to/for their CCF subordinate medical staff resulting in pltf running out of all pain medications "cold-Turkey" and experiencing the full onslaught of pain due to not having any pain meds on several occasions this occurred.

Fact is, all the above ref ODOC/CCF Det's' have been repeatedly advised orally and in writing by pltf as to the seriousness of his condition and pain associated therewith - ref herein above. That their prescribed pills do not completely alleviate said pain and that pltf starts experiencing said pain anew each morning around 3:00 A.M., and that those pills nor any other pill cannot ever take the place of the needed corrective surgical Fusion. Det's' Paine & Bird, approved by Det's' McCurdy, Huxalter and/or Dr. Neau, have been prescribing & providing pltf additional amounts of 600mg Ibyprofen (90), Excedrin plus 625 mg (60), Neurontin 800 mg (60) in combination totalling over 200 pills each month for pain, and then Fibrelax (30), & Ducosate (60) for the side effects of taking the other pain pills ref above, establishing pltf's pain condition is worsening.

All the CCF/CCF/ODOC Det's' ref above are mandated by ODOC policy of OP-440100 to provide pltf "healthcare... as required by the U.S. and Okla. Constitutions to all offenders in the custody of the ODOC Facilities." This is to include "Qualified healthcare professionals will be available to serve offenders and provide medical referrals as appropriate," and "offenders that cannot be appropriately cared for within a Doc Facility will be transferred to another appropriate medical facility equipped to provide the necessary services". Id. As stated above, all Det's' are mandated

to provide pttf with adequate health care as prescribed by U.S. & Okla. constitutions as well as that further outlined in other ODoc policies of OP-140100; OP-140101; OP-140106; OP-140114; OP-140130; and OP-140132, but not limited thereto, of which Defs' are not in compliance and refusing to do so. It is also clearly stated at the end of each of those OP policies that ODoc CMO (Det J. McCurdy) is responsible for compliance with those procedures to which establishes his failure to supervise and/or train his subordinate medical staffing at ODoc or CCF/CCA specifically that of Defs' Paine, Baird, Sellers, May, Neefe, Neau, Homanter. In other words Det McCurdy and his designee Det B. Homanter possess supervisory responsibility & authority to provide pttf the corrective surgical Fusion but refuse to do so.

To further clarify pttf's current position, a totally independent medical facility, NASHI, who knew pttf was an Okla. prisoner and they would not benefit in anyway, diagnosed and concluded pttf needed surgical Fusion two years ago in 2014 by reviewing his 2014 MRI CD images. The problem is that the above ref CCF/CCA/ODoc Defs' refuse to provide the surgery and up-to-date MRI, but instead substitute mere inadequate pills. The OU medical center "screener" told pttf no surgery would be provided by them due to Financial Budgetary restraints. In July 2016, Det Ms. Baird similarly told pttf no surgery would be provided unless pttf had a life threatening condition due to cost of this type surgical Fusion. Det Baird also used a scare tactic by telling pttf he would not want to have such a surgery while at CCF due to having to heal under conditions of a MERSA outbreak of which is everywhere. When pttf asked a pill call nurse, she indicated she was not aware of even one offender at CCF with MERSA.

Even more recently, as of August 2016, Defs' Paine,

Baird, and Neefe, claim they forwarded plaintiff's medical record which includes Ex '1' - '9' attached hereto along with plaintiff's request to provide him an up-to-date current MRI and to provide corrective surgery to regional medical director Dr. Dr. Neau. After acknowledging receipt of above ref record, and personally reviewing same, Dr. Neau has refused to authorize or provide plaintiff corrective surgery or up-to-date MRI, but also refuses to mention or acknowledge the pain plaintiff currently suffers on a daily basis. After further review of subject matter ref immediately above, Defs' Honaker and McCurdy have also denied same. Due to continuing and on-going degenerative worsening condition and unbearable pain associated with, and as a result thereof, such has put plaintiff "under imminent danger of serious physical injury" allowing him to proceed without prepayment of Filing Fee and costs pursuant to IFP status. These above true facts clearly suggest all named Defs' are deliberate indifferent to plaintiff's serious medical condition/needs contrary to well established U.S. & Okla. Const'l law.